

**Council on Aging Board Meeting**  
**Minutes of June 11, 2003**

**In Attendance:**

Chairman Paul Keegan, Vice-Chairman Helene Tanenholtz, Board members Al Crommett, Betty Chamberlin, Lillian Goodman, Tim Swiss and Secretary John Concordia. Director Sharon Yager and CMAA liaison Vicki Zwerdling were also present as was Dennis Osborn from the Shrewsbury Housing Authority

1. **Chairman's Comments:**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 10:05. Minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved by the board. Paul notified the board that Betty Nielson our outreach coordinator had resigned for health reasons and that we would be honoring her briefly after the meeting. He then introduced Mr. Osborn to initiate a discussion of a COA/Housing Authority cooperative transportation subsidy program, which has been in the works for a while. The housing authority will fund this program at the rate of \$900/mo. beginning in July. The subsidy will be provided to residents of Shrewsbury Housing facilities who use COA transportation services. The Housing Authority will announce the program and distribute tickets soon—the COA will handle administration/financial details with WRTA.

This program is a good example of how cooperation among town functions can benefit our senior population.

2. **Director's Comments:**

The Director notified the board of recent SHINE activity: the Milford Director resigned and her position will not be refilled because of funding restrictions—Sharon will be working with CMACA to assess the impact on our SHINE representative, Al Crommett.

Sharon, with assistance from Helene and Lillian is in the process of filling the vacant outreach position. Invitations of interest have been sent to about 112 people—6 have responded with applications. Helene and Lillian plan to interview 3 candidates. We hope to have the position filled and funded by the formula grant. The final numbers for the formula grant are still fluid as the State fiscal year-end debates continue.

3. **Liaison reports:**

Central MA Agency on Aging:--Vicki Zwerdling presented guidelines for Title III donations with some emphasis and discussion on Title IIIC nutrition programs.

Friends of the SCC, Inc.—Phyliss reported that the Friend had realized about \$1900 from the MAY MADNESS calendar project. Their annual luncheon is to be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Indian Meadow and their fall meeting dates have been re-scheduled. Helene reported later that the Friends had ordered a storage shed—10x18ft—to be installed by the supplier.

Shrews. Comm. Part. /Children-- No report

Elder Home Care Services of Worcester Inc.—No report

4. **Old Business:**

Nutrition issues—Paul reported that much discussion has been taking place with Mr. Cutler from the Age Center about the lunch program. A meeting is set for the 17<sup>th</sup> with CMAA representative Mr. Belding and Mr. Cutler to discuss several matters of importance with our continued search for improvements. We have learned that SMOC in Framingham is an possible alternate source for our nutrition program, which may be available and may solve many problems. Further exploration is underway.

Computer ACCESS projects—Sharon reported that the town Engineering department might now be available to help with our data input activities.

Health Fair Committee—Lillian reported that a “Theme” has been developed for the fair—the theme is “Paying for Prescriptions: Politics and Pricing. The next meeting will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

5. **New Business:**

The COA workshop schedule is dependent upon completion of survey data input project.

6. **Other:**

Tim reminded the board that we should try to support the Friends effort by participating in the luncheon on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The organization has been very cooperative in its support to the board over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

John Concordia, Secretary